

LABOR'S GOAL! To Repeal Taft-Hartley Law

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To All Members in All Areas: It has always been the policy of this union to guide our members during election time regarding candidates for office and certain important bills.

Our International Union is leaving the matter of endorsing candidates to the local unions. Your officers have not openly discussed this question regarding candidates for office.

The Presidential race is very important to the working men and women of this country. The records show that the Republican administration in the past has never favored Labor; and we assume that the future will have the same results if a Republican President gets into office. We therefore recommend that the Truman-Barkley ticket is the accepted one because of the clear cut platform as indicated in all of the broadcasts now taking place. We refer to the Democratic party.

Regarding Congressional Candidates and candidates for public offices in the State Senate and Assembly, we leave that entirely up to your discretion.

YOUR UNION RECOMMENDS ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS:

No.	Vote
1—Veterans Tax Exemption	Yes
2—Liquor Control	Yes
3—Full train crew bill	No
4—Blind and Aged aid	Yes
5—Increased compensation to Legislators	Yes
6—Prohibits commercial fishing	No
12—Local Option	No
13—Reapportionment of Calif. State Senate	urgently needed by organized Labor
14—Housing authority to construct low-cost housing	Yes
15—Would ban commercial fishing	No

IMPORTANT ALL MEMBERS

November the second will be the test. Make no mistake about it. Labor faces a real test in the November election. For months we stressed the point about regis-

Culinary, Bar Unions to Hold Parley Nov. 14

Plans for an informal conference of secretaries of smaller unions of culinary workers and bartenders from throughout the state were laid at last week's meeting of the Monterey Bay Area "Mutual Association" of the crafts.

The conference will be held at Watsonville on Sunday, November 14, and those to take part will be sent special letters of invitation, it was announced by Al Clark, secretary of the "mutual association" and also secretary of Salinas Bartenders' Union 545.

Co-operation between smaller unions on various mutual problems and co-ordination of effort in organization and other matters will be subjects for discussion at the conference, Clark said.

At last week's meeting of the "mutual association" at Salinas, business was generally routine and was limited mainly to planning for the coming conference. Each union representative reported on local activity.

Del Rey Theatre Near Completion

Rebuilding of the Del Rey Theatre in the Seaside district of Monterey was nearing completion this week as plasterers of Monterey Local 337 were putting the finishing coat on the outside and inside, according to union Business Agent S. M. Thomas. The former theatre was destroyed by fire months ago.

Thomas Back From Vacation

S. M. Thomas, business agent of Laborers Union 690, and also of Plasterers and Cement Finishers Union 337, both of Monterey, returned to his post last week after a vacation trip into Modoc county where he spent much of his time hunting deer. He and his party brought back their quota of venison.

LABOR COUNCIL REPORTS

Highlight of last week's meeting of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, at Salinas, was a talk by A. Astelle, county Veterans Service Officer, who spoke on "National Employ the Physically Handicapped" Week.

Astelle urged all unions to try to place physically handicapped persons on jobs where they might earn a living, according to Labor Council Secretary William G. "Bud" Kenyon.

The individual pride in having a job, besides the removal of a burden from the taxpayers for support of the handicapped person, is worthy consideration, Astelle explained.

He gave as an example a veterans administration member who had been injured to the extent of an arm shot off, one leg almost out of use and both eardrums punctured but the man is still able to do a first rate job in his capacity with the administration.

Barbers Union 827 informed the council that the film, "The Magic State," would be shown at the union's meeting on Tuesday of this week. All small unions were invited to attend the showing.

Bartenders Union 545 informed the council that a union barbecue would be held on Election Day for members.

Butchers Union 506 reported that machine difficulty prevented showing of the scheduled films at the last meeting and requested the films be allotted this union for showing Monday night, Nov. 1.

Carpenters Union 925 reported donation of \$50 to the committee handling the state housing Proposition No. 14, and Sugar Workers Union delegates informed the council that an assessment of \$1.00 had been levied against members for state and local political activity.

CULINARY 467 SIGNS HOUSE AT HOLLISTER

While pressing the picketing of the Hartmann Hotel and Town Club bar in Hollister, Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders Union 545, both of Salinas, are continuing their organizational campaign in the rest of the county, it was reported last week.

Culinary Alliance 467 has signed Bishop's Drive-In Cafe in Hollister as a result of continued unionization effort there, Union Secretary Bertha A. Boles reports.

At San Juan, the San Juan Cafe has been unionized also, she reports. Louise Chestnutwood is proprietor.

In the Salinas area, Bartenders Union 545 has signed the Blue Rock restaurant and bar on Highway 101 north, according to Union Secretary Al Clark. Proprietors are S. F. Brincat and "Smiley" Graham.

Local 467 signed the Saucyberger Shop in the Alisal district, Mrs. Boles said. This house is operated by Bernice Tuttle.

At last week's meeting, three new members were accepted by initiation into Local 467, Mrs. Boles concludes.

Painter Injured In Ladder Fall

Jimmie Coyle, member of Painters Union 1104, of Salinas, and employed by Contractor Geo. White, was slightly hurt but escaped serious injuries in a fall at the new Salinas Electric Co. store last week, Union Secretary Carl Lara reports.

Coyle fell when a ladder slipped and was knocked out as he hit the floor. He was rushed to a hospital and checked but was found to have no serious injury, Lara added.

Laundry Workers Seek New Pact

Negotiations were started last week by Laundry Workers Union 258 and Dry Cleaners Union 258-B for a new agreement covering both units, it was announced.

Lawrence Palacios, international representative of the union, was in Salinas to assist in negotiations with the employer association. He also attended last week's meeting of the dry cleaners union and was expected to be here this week for the laundry worker session, Thursday night.



LABOR HAILS TRUMAN—Twenty-five thousand union members in Washington, D. C., gathered at the city's Union Station to greet President Truman at the conclusion of his 8000 mile speaking tour. Carrying signs that read, "Labor Knows Its Friends," and "We've Got Taft and Hartley; We Don't Want Dewey," the Washington unionists paid tribute to the President's fighting campaign for lower prices, repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, public housing and improved social security. In a brief address Truman told the union members that he had made 140 speeches on his tour. "I've just begun to fight," he declared. "I don't intend to pull my punches. The people are beginning to wake up to the fact that this is a crusade—the people against the special interests." Then with only two days rest Truman started a new campaign swing through Pennsylvania and New York State into areas where organized labor's voting strength is expected to be crucial.

GOP Union-Busting Plans Are Revealed

The Republican Party's plans to shackle the nation's workers and wage earners with new legislation even more oppressive than the Taft-Hartley law is disclosed in a new book written by Rep. Fred A. Hartley (R., N.J.), it was charged by George M. Harrison, chairman of Labor's Committee for Truman and Dewey.

The GOP's long range union-busting plan has been put under temporary wraps until after the Presidential election, declared Harrison, who is also president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Hartley says his regret is that the Taft-Hartley Act doesn't complete the job the Republican Party set out to do," said Harrison. "After the Taft-Hartley bill was passed, he states, the Republican leaders of both the House and Senate decided that no more legislation to which organized labor could possibly object would be passed until after the presidential election of 1948.

"This explains the failure of the Republican platform to deal with labor issues in specific terms. The glowing generalities of the Republican labor plank," Harrison continued, "are now revealed to all persons for what they really are: an attempt to deceive the voters by concealing their evil purpose to destroy the trade unions."

Hartley has performed his "first real service" to the American people, Harrison asserted, "by revealing to all voters that the election of Dewey in November would thrust the working people of America back into the Republican dark ages."

"While trade union members have not doubted the Republican intention to destroy their trade unions, which are all that stand between them and the degrading sweatshop conditions under which they suffered before the enactment of the Wagner Act by a Democratic administration, Rep. Hartley's revelations will convince all fairminded voters the Republicans are unfit to hold the reins of government," Harris said.

Men Not Needed Yet for Salinas P.G.E. Project

Painters and electrical workers will not be hired for the \$50,000,000 generating plant project near Salinas until late in January or early in February, according to Carl Lara, representative for both Painters Union 1104 and Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas.

Lara said all hiring of these two crafts will be done from the Salinas Labor Temple. Men are not to apply directly to the job. Persons interested in registering now for work should send Lara a card with name and address and union number. Lara's address is 117 Pajaro street, Salinas.

Maybe So!

Preliminary polls show that unless a counter-campaign is launched at once, No. 13 may carry Los Angeles two to one, San Francisco and the East Bay district three to two, and that it might even get a majority in some of the rural areas. If this situation is not changed, reapportionment will carry on November 2.

From San Francisco Examiner, September 6, 1948.
Let's see that it does!

Kenyon Issues State Labor Parley Report

By WILLIAM G. KENYON
Secretary, Central Labor Union of
Monterey County, at Salinas

At this year's 46th annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor at Long Beach there were in the neighborhood of 5000 delegates and visitors from all crafts and from all corners of the state.

There were some 250 resolutions introduced, dealing with every phase of the various unions, compensation laws, unemployment and disability benefits. Some asked for the Taft-Hartley law to be ignored, some were for and others against the Marshall Plan. All were brought before the convention after study by a Resolutions Committee with recommendations for adoption or rejection.

The majority of these resolutions were governed by the Policy Committee that kept things in line without prolonged discussion from the floor. The convention was attended largely by delegates who are very much aware of problems at hand and for this convention nearly all delegates attended nearly every session and stuck to business at hand.

Emphasis was placed on State Propositions 12, 13 and 14. Thousands of pieces of literature, stickers, pamphlets, slogans, etc. were made available for all unions and still may be had by unions which will write the state federation stating the amount needed.

For the last weeks of the campaign there will be radio programs with members of the Hollywood Screen Actors Guild contributing services. Notices will be sent unions advertising time of broadcast.

Billboards have been contracted for throughout the state and also for traveling billboards on trucks with loud speakers to tour the state, urging YES vote on No. 13. The Housing Initiative Proposition 14 was outlined as investigation of temporary war housing with a view as to its replacement with adequate permanent housing, and also for uniformity of building codes by state and local governments.

Proposition 12 is being very adequately covered throughout the state for a NO vote. All bars, hotels and many sign boards are calling attention to this proposition and urging opposition.

There was some opposition by a few delegates in regard Proposition 6 and 15. The convention urges a NO vote on both propositions as they would throw thousands of workers in the fishing industry out of employment should these bills pass. The bills are sponsored by the sportsmen. It was pointed out that the Fish and Game Commission is adequate to keep an eye on the industry to see that very few game fish are taken.

The convention made recommendations on all propositions and will furnish a complete list to unions shortly. Those propositions mentioned above are of the greatest importance.

A resolution was adopted calling for the State Federation of Labor to include an accident awards remuneration for broken eye glasses. At present a worker may have his glasses broken in the instant of falling or being injured but there is no provision to reimburse workers for broken glasses which cost up to \$50 or more.

It was recommended by the Policy Committee that unemployment and disability insurance payments be increased to not less than \$40 a week as the present \$25 a week is inadequate to meet the needs of a worker at the current high prices of food and rent.

There was some fine entertainment furnished on Tuesday night at the auditorium with very high class acts, plus a grand ball on Thursday night.

A wonderful display of union labels was exhibited. This is something all of us should be more conscious—and we should demand the union label always in the future.

Bro. Aguilero—from this district—was re-elected vice president; he was opposed by Tiny Small, bartender, from San Mateo.

This is my report as delegate from the Central Labor Union. I attended every session of the convention.

In closing, I want to thank you for the privilege of being your delegate. Let us try to work together and our part to bring to a reality these endorsements and recommendations made at the 46th state convention.

Protect Labor's rights
with your voting rights.

Big Smear Drive Against Prop. 13

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco.—Failing to meet any of the cogent arguments advanced by the proponents of Proposition 13, the measure providing for the reapportionment of the State Senate on a population basis, the opponents of the measure are now resorting to the most irresponsible kind of cheap slander. Not one argument advanced by the measure's supporters has been answered by those seeking to maintain and perpetuate minority control of the State Legislature.

The fight around Proposition No. 13 is proving to be one of the hottest of all the propositions that are to be voted upon on the November ballot.

As if in answer to the demagogic appeals made by advocates of minority control, the United States Municipal News for October, which is a bulletin produced by the United States Conference of Mayors, had the following to say:

TRUE REPRESENTATION
"Do we really want to preserve American cities?" the bulletin asks. "Do we want definite solutions to the problems that beset our urban centers? Do we want financial stability in the government of our municipalities? Do we want the services of our local governments to be maintained and strengthened?"

"The answer to these questions is to be found in: Whether or not we believe in a representative form of state government."

"Cities are political creatures of their own states. Their very life and existence is dependent upon their state government. State constitutions and state laws can either destroy or can breathe life into our urban society."

PLIGHT OF CITIES
"Representative government is based solely upon equal representation of all citizens in their government. In the great majority of our state legislatures, however, equal representation is but a myth, a theoretical or an academic question. Cities are not only under-represented they are misrepresented. There is little sympathy for city problems. In fact, there is too often downright antagonism. The plight of the cities is simply something usually just talked about and ignored."

"Let it be emphasized over and over again: There is no major problem in American city government that cannot be solved by aggressive and constructive action by the 48 state governments. The solutions would naturally vary from state to state as they do in every other phase of governmental responsibility."

"But, until such time as city people are given the representation to which they are entitled as a matter of right, there never will be any long-range action in the direction of building better and greater and sounder American communities."

MUST REORGANIZE
"Some early patriots of our country fought against 'taxation without representation.' It is to be hoped that people in all walks of life will join with local officials in so reorganizing our state governments and legislatures as to be able to say that they truly represent all of the people and not just a small segment of our citizenship."

"That is the challenge facing us."

They Rule California

The average working man and woman, whether in organized labor or out of organized labor, will benefit by the adoption of Proposition No. 13, Senate Reapportionment, at the General Election, November 2.

But the benefits to be received will depend upon every available vote being cast at the polls.

Our watchword is "Get out the vote," for every working man or woman who doesn't vote is aiding those who have declared war on our American standard of living, working conditions, wages and hours.

The lines are clearly drawn, with the power of special interests merged to put labor on the run and keep the people from equal representation.

An oligarchy of six rural senators actually controls the California State Senate and influences a majority vote by its favors and distribution of state revenue to the smaller counties at the expense of the larger centers of population.

This small group is responsible for draining the treasuries of labor by their "Hot Cargo," "Right-to-Work," alleged "Feather-Bedding" measures, by its opposition to people's housing, and by continual harassing of labor.

The state's press is dominated to a point where only one side of the Senate Reapportionment story is given the readers, and that colored with cries of "labor bossism control" and the phoniest of "un-American" charges.

The opponents of labor in the State Senate declare that they know labor has the votes, but they don't fear labor because labor doesn't vote.

Fool them this time.
Get out the vote and return the State Senate to the people by voting YES on No. 13 on November 2.

And see to it that your family, friends and neighbors go to the polls with the knowledge that Senate Reapportionment means the re-establishment of a people's democracy in California.

TUNE IN ON "LUCKY 13!"

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—Tune in and listen to the radio programs on Proposition 13, listed below, and urge your friends to do likewise.

KRE (Berkeley), 9:00-9:15 p.m. Sundays, October 24 and 31.

KROW (Oakland), 8:15-8:30 p.m. Mondays, October 25 and November 1.

KGO (San Francisco), 8:45-9:00 p.m. Mondays, October 25 and November 1.

KSFO (San Francisco), 8:15-8:30 p.m. Saturdays, October 23 and 30.

KTMM (San Rafael), 12:30-12:45 p.m. Mondays, October 25 and November 1.

KIST (Santa Barbara), 6:00-6:15 p.m. Mondays, October 25 and November 1.

DOES LABOR GO TO POLLS?

Figures from a recent survey show how union labor has failed to vote:

Among business and professional people and "white-collar" workers, 87 per cent register, 84 per cent vote; 83 per cent of their wives register, 77 per cent vote.

Of members of organized labor, AFL, CIO, and Railroad Brotherhoods, 62 per cent register, 57 per cent vote; 50 per cent of their wives register, 46 per cent vote.

Remember This!

"If the workers of America want power, if you want to make yourself felt, then write on your banner, so that every politician can read it, so that every politician no matter how short-sighted he may be, can read it, 'WE NEVER FORGET.'—Wendell Phillips, the great abolitionist."

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WHAT IS WRONG WITH G.O.P.?

In both our state and nation the Republican party is bidding for supremacy and control. This party is no longer the party that stands for the principles for which Abraham Lincoln stood. Instead it is now the party of big business and the present Congress, which is dominated by the Republicans, has demonstrated very definitely and pointedly its complete subservience to the program of the anti-labor National Merchants and Manufacturers Association, whose chief aim always has been to keep labor helpless and disorganized, and to make of our farmers pawns of the money-lenders.

Those speaking for the G.O.P. are making all kinds of promises to the American people. They are now promising they will do what they have so dismally failed to carry out, although they for the past two years have had complete control of both houses in Congress. If there was any sincerity in these promises why have they not put them into effect during the past two years? The only true way to measure a politician is by his performance. The same is true of a political party. By its acts during the two years it has now been in control of both houses of Congress the GOP clearly demonstrated its abject servility to the anti-labor wing of big business which also stands for impoverishing the farmers.

It passed the Taft-Hartley slave law. It passed an income tax law that leaned heavily in favor of the rich and discriminated against those who have the least. It refused to halt or control rising prices and refused doggedly to relieve our acute housing shortage. For these acts Californians should repudiate the G.O.P.

DOES SOMEBODY WANT WAR?

Although the noisemakers all profess to desire peace they seem to be ready at all times to jump all over anybody who makes a sincere move in the direction of securing it. An example of this is the way President Truman has been bawled out for suggesting that Chief Justice Vinson should go as a special peace emissary to endeavor to work out some kind of a basis for peace between Russia and the United States. Why should anybody get so excited over so simple and sensible a proposal unless it is that they fear such a move might help start our war weary world towards better understandings between all nations?

It is claimed that Truman's move was an unpardonable affront to the United Nations, many of whose members of late seem bent on adding fuel to the fires of war hysteria. But when Truman rushed aid to the reactionary government of Greece to help that nation to make war and completely ignored the United Nations in doing so no such criticism was made by those who now so suddenly have become advocates of turning such matters over to the United Nations. The same was true when the United States sent military aid to Turkey and China without submitting anything to the United Nations. Truman may have made many blunders but we fail to see where putting in what looked like an honest plug for peace with Russia right now was one of them.

PROPOSITION NO. 13

One of the questions that comes before the people of California Nov. 2nd is that involved in Proposition No. 13, which provides for repealing the present undemocratic method of electing state senators on a basis under which over half of the population of the state, which now inhabit our three most densely populated counties, are allowed only three representatives in the state senate, while the remaining less than half of the population gets the remaining 37 state senators.

Under the present plan twenty of these thirty-seven state senators can block and prevent adoption of any and all proposed legislation, no matter how badly it may be needed by a vast majority of our population. That is exactly the purpose that the present setup has served and it must be abolished for all time to come if California is to go forward to better days for the majority of our people. As matters now stand our lawmakers from the heavy labor population districts of this state cannot secure enactment of much needed laws even though they represent more than two thirds of the population. That is what Prop. No. 13 would correct. It would substitute majority rule for the minority rule now in force. Let every person who depends on labor for a livelihood vote "Yes" on No. 13. Decide on that now and be sure to do it Nov. 2nd.

Two years ago only one-third of the people, who are qualified to vote, took the trouble to cast their ballots. The result was the worst Congress we have had in three generations.

Put November 2nd down as the day when you will use your vote to help elect a pro-labor Congress.

Return the State Senate to the People . . . "Yes" No. 13.

Big Lobbyist For Real Estate Men Attacks Housing

Taking vigorous exception to the statements of Herbert U. Nelson, Washington lobbyist for the National Association of Real Estate Boards, before the Real Estate Convention in Oakland early this month, Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. O'Dwyer, chairman of the State-wide Committee for Proposition 14, the Housing Initiative, stated: "Those of us who are devoting our energies and talents to providing the people of California with a true picture of the provisions of this bill, as well as of the persons who are promoting it, are not dismayed or disheartened by the uncalculated and unwarranted attack by Mr. Nelson. We realize that the opposition to this measure, with a few, very few, exceptions, is doing its utmost to confuse, terrify and even threaten the voters. The importation of Mr. Nelson from Washington in an effort to defeat a state issue with which he has no connection or about which he is not qualified to speak, is just another sample of the expensive and misleading tactics of the enemies of housing for all people. The fact that there is so desperate and crying a housing need in our own state can be laid in good measure at the feet of this very importation who now tries to sway California voters."

Continuing in his answer to Nelson's charges, Monsignor O'Dwyer asserted: "The state trick of labeling all progressive and useful measures 'communist' will not deter the voters of California from factoring their Number 1 problem realistically. I can speak for myself when I say I deeply resent these insinuations. Other members of the committee have been so incensed at this man's audacity in coming out here and impugning their motives and direction, that they have issued statements of their own directly to the papers. "When the votes are counted on November 2nd, the answer will be clear. We are confident that the honest, sincere fight for decent housing in our state, by outstanding leaders in all walks of life, all creeds, races, shades of thought and opinion, will be victorious, and a start made in the meeting of this vital problem."

Good Survey of Labor Problems In New Book

Washington (LPA)—If your local union library or public library hasn't yet gotten a copy of "Unions, Management and the Public," tell 'em to order one. In fact, if you have a spare \$5 it's a good addition to any union officer's own collection of books. "Unions, Management & the Public" is a collection of chapters from the writings of the keenest American and European students of trade union activity. It includes, too, passages from the speeches or writings of trade union leaders, government officials, and employers.

The scissors and paste job was carefully and imaginatively done by E. Wight Bakke and Clark Kerr, both professors of industrial relations, both men who appreciate the importance of free trade unions to our democratic way of life. Harcourt, Brace & Co. of New York is the publisher.

"Development of Unions" is the title of the first section. After examining through their authors the reasons why workers join unions, and how unions develop power, the editors discuss the "Response of Management." The philosophy of businessmen as well as their actual handling of industrial relations is described.

A third section describes the actual process of "Collective Bargaining." It recognizes that the strike is not something sedition, but a regular part of the collective bargaining process when other avenues of approach are blocked by employers. "Terms of the Agreement"—what is embodied in collective settlements—are next considered.

Finally, Bakke and Kerr provide a nearly 200-page discussion of the interest of the public generally in the policies and the relationships between unions and business.

Truman's Labor Backers Visit White House

Washington.—Leaders of the independent Labor's Committee for Truman and Barkley called upon the Chief Executive at the White House recently.

George M. Harrison, chairman of the committee, composed mostly of AFL leaders, said:

"We called on the President first to express our gratification to him for the splendid campaign he is making and the response he is getting. The 26 officers, representing millions of workers, also conveyed to the President our enthusiastic and complete support of the effort to elect President Truman and Senator Barkley."

He stated that President Truman expressed his appreciation of the support he is receiving from labor.

Ickes Challenges Dewey Power, Oil?

Washington (LPA)—Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior under FDR, has asked GOP presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey to clear up his vague stand on several important issues. Dewey, to date, had not picked up "the Ickes" challenge.

1. Ickes asked the New York governor to declare where he stands on return of tideland oil rights to the states. If Dewey acknowledged that the tidelands rightfully belong to the federal government, Ickes further asked whether the funds from them should be used to provide federal aid to education.

2. Is the little man with the derby for public ownership and operation of power transmission lines?

3. Does Dewey approve cuts made in reclamation projects by the 80th Congress? And if so, which ones? "You have sponsored, enthusiastically and without reservation," Ickes complained, "many Republican members of the 80th Congress, whose principal interest seems to be recklessly to exploit what remains of our national land estate."

4. The Old Curmudgeon asked Dewey whether he thought irrigated lands should be limited to family-sized farms rather than allowed to become land monopolies.

He asked some more questions on conservation of natural resources. Dewey's answer to all of them so far: "No comment!"

Cardinal Praises Organized Labor

Chicago.—The effectiveness of organized labor was praised highly here by Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Catholic archbishop of this area, in an address before the annual convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

"If it had not been for your activities through many years, the condition of labor would perhaps be no better than it was in the 1890s," he declared.

"There may be those who would like to go back to the '90s," he said. "But we know the gains which have been made must be conserved, and to these must be added other gains to give the working man an honest family wage and a fair participation in the profits of industry."

Cardinal Stritch declared that "there is no real unionism" and as an example he cited totalitarian countries which have "the most cruel forced labor in the history of the modern world."

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

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GOV. DEWEY'S LABOR POLICIES IN NEW YORK:

- Put more than 1,000,000 more people in employment than in 1939 on higher than war-time pay.
- Gave the state lowest wartime strike record of all industrial states—and lowest postwar strike record of ten leading industrial states.
- In five years, settled, without formal hearing, 5,718 labor relations cases out of 6,751 filed.
- Built unemployment insurance reserve of over a billion dollars.
- Cut unemployment insurance waiting period, increased benefit rates, and extended payment period to 26 weeks.
- Increased benefits for total disability under workmen's compensation law and extended coverage to domestic and restaurant workers.

GOV. WARREN'S LABOR POLICIES IN CALIFORNIA:

- Raised maximum weekly compensation benefits for injured workers by 20 per cent. Also raised burial allowance from \$150 to \$300.
- Completely reorganized Department of Industrial Relations, setting up one of the foremost safety divisions in the country.
- Arranged for the nation's highest minimum wage rate for women, and strengthened child labor laws.
- Civilian employment in California is up 50 per cent from prewar levels, with more job holders today than at the war-time peak.
- Established the outstanding apprentice training program in the nation.
- Extended unemployment insurance to those made jobless by illness.

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They are only a few reasons why we should

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Warren Fails To Answer Protest Wire

Governor Earl Warren, Republican vice presidential candidate, was apparently too busy campaigning last week to answer a protest lodged by the San Francisco Building Trades Council against the lay-off of "approximately 54 civil service employees employed as part of the maintenance crew on the harbor in San Francisco."

Previously Council Secretary Daniel F. Del Carlo had protested the action to the State Harbor Commission and asked an appointment with the Commission to discuss the lay-offs.

Governor Warren was informed by Del Carlo that "we were advised by your Board of Harbor Commissioners that this was being done upon the recommendation of Port Manager General Wylie. 'It is our opinion,' the wire continued, 'that this is false economy and would ask you to use your good office to prevent this lay-off until further investigation of the merits of General Wylie's recommendation is made by your office.'"

CARPENTERS

Business Representative Ernest Aronson of Carpenters 483 disclosed this week that a considerable number of carpenters employed by San Francisco Harbor had been dismissed under the Commissions economy program.

"Some of those laid off," he said, "were employees there of a good many years standing."

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

At its last meeting the San Francisco Labor Council unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the action and characterizing the lay-offs as "a reactionary action." The Council went on record as "favoring the continuance of those skilled mechanics in employment and the enlargement of the existing program for the maintenance and modernization of the Port of San Francisco."

Walsh, IATSE President, Delegate to Canadian TUC

New York.—Richard F. Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators, has been named by the American Federation of Labor as its fraternal delegate to the 63rd annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in Victoria, B.C.

Lower Prices Forecast For Chickens in 1949

Washington.—Lower prices for chickens are due in 1949, according to the Department of Agriculture.

However, farmers' net income from poultry products may go up in spite of the price drop, according to the department. It said that this year's huge grain crop would enable them to raise poultry at less cost.

Egg prices may go up for a few months until the number of laying hens is increased. Continued high meat prices would keep the egg demand high, the report predicted, but later in the year 1949 supplies of both eggs and meat would be greater and prices would go down.

Is Dewey a Liberal? Ask the Teachers Union.

Big, Informed Vote Needed, Meany Says

Washington (LPA)—A large vote, and an informed vote, is necessary this November if America is to be spared the dangers of war and depression, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany told a nationwide radio audience last week.

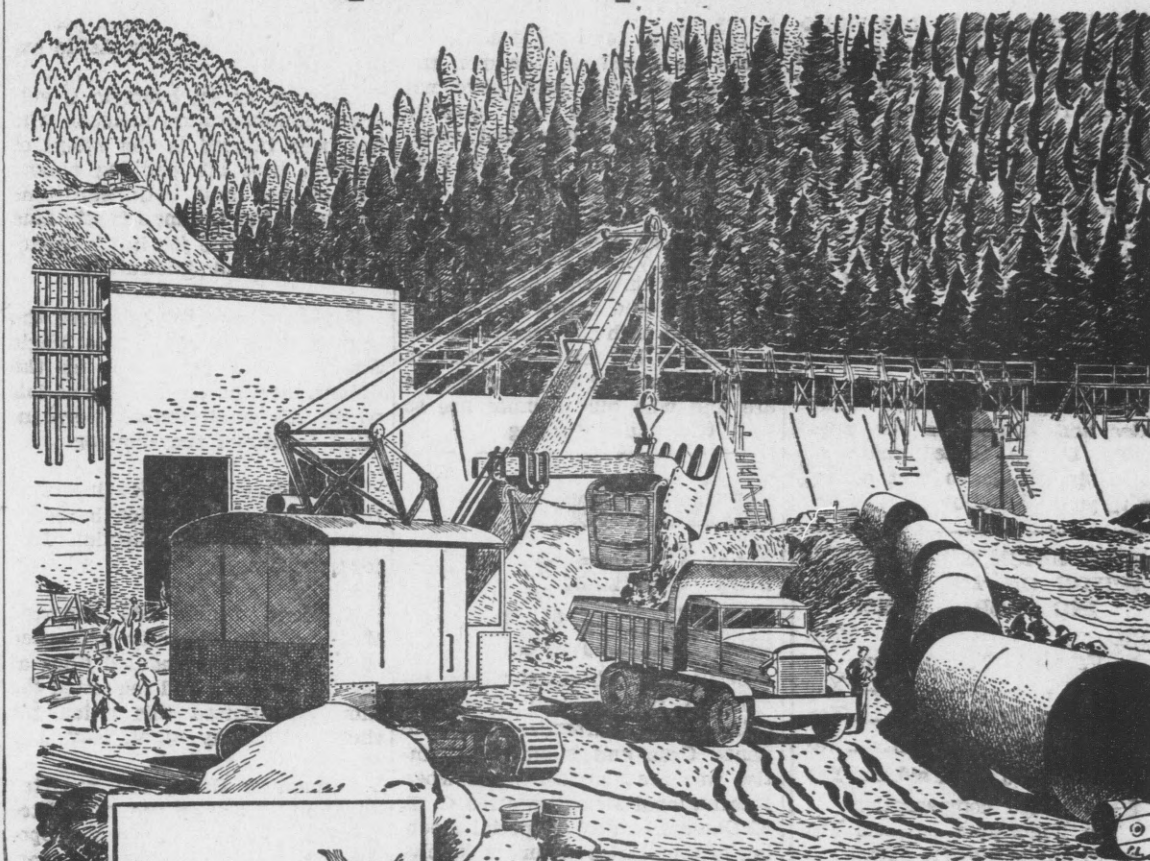
Speaking under the auspices of LIFE, the AFL's political arm, Meany warned that if the ordinary American doesn't exercise his right to vote and exercise it intelligently, we are in fact governed by a minority.

He warned that another reactionary Congress may mean depression and war, in which the average worker, organized or unorganized, is the chief victim. The only way to avert tragedy is for all the people to learn the facts about domestic and international politics and vote accordingly, the AFL chief emphasized.

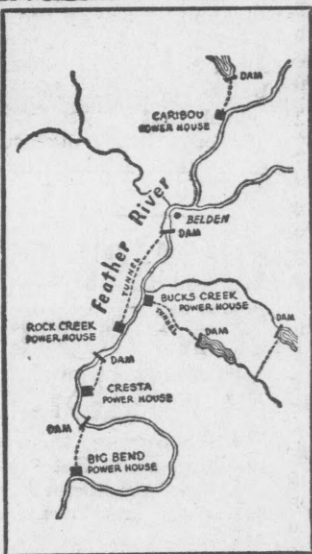
Tracy Put on FEPC

Washington (LPA)—President Daniel J. Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—AFL was named last week to the board created by President Truman to enforce the no-discrimination-in-jobs order covering federal employees.

Construction crews rush two new Feather River power plants



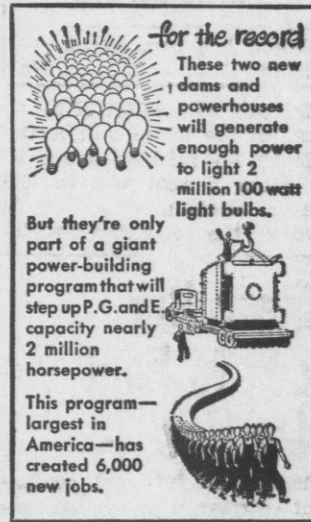
A sixteen-mile stretch of the Feather River will soon be turning out 270,000 new electrical horsepower for Northern and Central California. Two new dams, two new powerhouses and tunneling are already well underway...and when they are completed, still more horsepower will be harnessed.



Map shows location of the two new plants—Rock Creek and Cresta...along with three already built. A system of several dams and powerhouses like this one is an extremely efficient power producer and helps conserve water for irrigation.



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The man or woman with "perfect vision" is rare, the Co-Operative Health Federation reminds us. Medical examinations of thousands of young men for army service in World War II revealed that comparatively few had vision that could be rated "perfect."

And yet it is a curious fact that many people, when they have physical examinations, object to having their eyes tested; they insist that their eyes are "all right."

In many cases this is because they have become accustomed to living in a world in which the objects surrounding them are distorted. The distortion probably came upon them so gradually that they did not notice it.

So, even if you are not aware that your eyes are imperfect, it is a wise precaution to have your eyes checked from time to time.

Eye ailments, like deficiencies elsewhere in the body, do not "improve with age." In some cases eye strain can upset the nervous system sufficiently to cause physical illness. This can be prevented if eye strain is relieved in time.

Remember, too, that your eyes change as you grow older. Between 40 and 45 there is a gradual loss of the "accommodation" of the eye—its ability to focus on near objects. It is at this age that many persons start wearing glasses for the first time.

Union's Leaders Value 'Fringe' Programs Highly

MILWAUKEE (LPA)—If the local officers and business agents of the Building Service Employees International Union (AFL) are at all typical, local labor leaders value highly the non-bargaining activities of their unions. A poll of BSEIU's local leaders showed them enthusiastic about educational, political, welfare and legislative programs—the projects that a lot of good union men used to write off as "fringe stuff."

Nearly 90 per cent of the BSEIU men voted that these programs help the union's membership drive, promote a feeling of solidarity among the members and bolster the organization's prestige. Only 10 per cent of the local leaders, on the other hand, thought that these activities interfere with the basic economic campaigns or create internal dissension.

Rated "essential" by a majority of the unionists polled were: conducting get-out-the-vote campaigns, local legislative committees, and union death benefit programs. Most of those who didn't think these activities "essential" agreed that they are "useful." Under 10 per cent thought that any of the three are "worthless."

Combining the "essential" and "useful" votes, equally strong approval went to such projects as local employment offices, newspapers, and sick-and-welfare funds. Only slightly over 10 per cent refused to approve classes in trade unionism, participating in the Community Chest, and job training courses.

Recreational programs have the least support from the local leadership. About 22 per cent think they're "worthless," only 11 per cent say they're "essential," while 59 per cent say "useful."

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Bldg. Trades, State Fed. in Unity Move

Organizational consolidation of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council and a new era of closer cooperation with the California State Federation of Labor, particularly in legislative matters, was announced by President Frank Lawrence at the Long Beach convention of the State Federation.

Lawrence told the delegates that "a new policy of a united front" with the State Federation had been "worked out with the general officers of the Federation," and that the State Building and Construction Trades Council plans "a forum to discuss, formulate and carry out economic policies in the interest of the building and construction trades in this state."

"The State Building and Construction Trades Council," he asserted, "intends to provide this forum."

UNITY ESSENTIAL

Lawrence, who became president of the State Council upon the death of the late Frank C. MacDonald early in September, began his address by saying that if "the men and women of America are to obtain the fruits of their labor unity is essential."

"Now more than ever before," he continued, "the councils and unions that go to make up the American Federation of Labor must stand together if we are to prevent the anti-labor forces of this country from further enslaving us; if we are to repeal the Taft-Hartley slave-labor law and other anti-labor legislation and be once more free men and women."

President Jack Shelley and your secretary, Neil Haggerty, are working to bring about a unity in the state of California, particularly in the handling of legislative problems at Sacramento.

"As the new president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, I intend to do everything in my power to assist your secretary in his efforts."

STATE FED ROLE

"As I see it, matters of state legislative policy should be set by the State Federation of Labor just as the American Federation of Labor sets matters of national legislative policy, and the State Building and Construction Trades Council and all other councils should support the legislative policy of the State Federation of Labor just as the Building and Construction Trades Department supports the national legislative policies of the American Federation of Labor. By so doing, the State Building and Construction Trades Council will

more effectively serve the best interests of its members and the working men and women of California."

FORUM PLANNED

"To properly protect and advance the interests of the Building and Construction mechanics it is necessary that we build up a strong State Building and Construction Trades Council. We must have a forum to discuss, formulate and carry out economic policies in the interest of the building and construction trades of this state, and the State Building and Construction Trades Council intends to provide that forum."

"It is my earnest wish and I intend as president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California to call a meeting of the representatives of all the local Building and Construction Trades Councils, international representatives, and state and district councils at some central place in this state, if possible before the end of the year, in order to make a start on the long and difficult job ahead of us and to implement the policy of presenting a united front in advancing the legislative policies of the State Federation of Labor."

"Your president, Jack Shelley, your secretary, Neil Haggerty and the officers of the State Federation have done a remarkable job in Sacramento against terrific odds. I congratulate them."

"I am satisfied that under the new policy of a united front which we have worked out with the general officers of the Federation that with a revitalized and militant State Building and Construction Trades Council coordinating its activities in support of the legislative policy of the State Federation, an even more successful job will be done."

AFL Wins Election

Evansville, Ind.—An AFL Federal Labor Union won a sweeping victory in an NLRB representation election held among employees of the Bucyrus-Erie Company here. The vote was 549 for the AFL to 289 for no union.

GOP Bosses Offer Big Company Union

A clear picture of Republican plans for America was given by President Harry S. Truman this week when he likened GOP "unity" to a gigantic company union.

In his speech in Philadelphia the President declared that it is difficult for American workingmen and women to determine what the Republicans mean by "unity."

The President said that his analysis of the vague and meaningless Republican campaign speeches indicates that the GOP is promising to do the same things that the Democratic Party has been doing—but to do them better.

President Truman continued: "Do you know what that sounds like to me? It sounds like a 'company union.' It sounds like one of these generous employers who says to the men and women who work for them, 'You don't need to form a union. I'll do it for you—and the union I give you will be better than yours because we won't be fighting each other.'"

"That's what the Republican Party is trying to do now. They want to take the industrial workers and the white-collar workers, and the farmers, and all the other plain people of this country and roll them all together in one big company union and run it for the benefit of the National Association of Manufacturers."

"They have all their promises wrapped up in a package called 'unity' which they guarantee to cure more ills than any patent medicine you ever saw. And they won't tell you any more about what's in that package than a quack doctor will tell you about what's in his magic cure-all."

The President referred to the Taft-Hartley Act as the best illustration of the Republican attitude toward labor: "The Republican platform brags about the Taft-Hartley Act; and we are informed that the Republicans are preparing even more repressive legislation for the next Congress."

"I don't believe that labor unions ought to be destroyed. I don't believe the American people think so. And on November 2, I believe the American people will repudiate the enemies of labor at the ballot box."

Newspapers—Dewey, Little Guy—Truman

By GEORGE M. HARRISON

The daily newspapers of the United States are overwhelmingly for the NAM's union-busting candidates, Dewey and Warren, as they were for Landon and Willkie. But not even the hostile newspapers can conceal the fact that the nation's people are equally overwhelmingly for labor's candidates, Harry S. Truman and Alben W. Barkley.

Eight hundred delegates to the convention of the New Jersey Federation of Labor, representing more than a quarter-million people and their families, amounting in all to more than 1,000,000 Americans, pledged themselves to vote and work for the re-election of President Truman, because, "of his friendship to the cause of the working men and women of this country."

The President also was praised for his veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, his fight against increases in the cost of living and his stand on civil rights.

The people's support of Truman is not limited to such industrial centers as New Jersey. That group's action followed close on similar recognition of the needs of the people by the wideawake citizens of Kentucky.

In Kentucky, in New Jersey, all over the country, not only are such endorsements being recorded but they are also being implemented by effective work. They have been preceded by effective union-to-union, factory-to-factory, door-to-door campaigns to get people registered and will be followed up on Election Day by equally effective "get-out-the-vote" action.

We who have not forgotten the injunctions and breadlines of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover will remember in November.

It's up to YOU on November 2.

Monopolies Trying to Bust Anti-Trust Law

Cleveland (LPA)—The current issue of the Trainman News, official paper of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, says that the special Senate committee headed by millionaire Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) will try to destroy the anti-trust laws. The committee was set up when big business began to fear that the Supreme Court had conceded to the Federal Trade Commission the power to enforce the anti-monopoly laws. It won't attempt to study the concentration of economic power, which it is supposed to, Trainman News charges, but will concentrate on smearing the FTC.

Get 600-lb. Bear

A black bear weighing 600 pounds was killed in Humboldt County recently by predatory animal hunter Gus Landgren. With the aid of farmers of the Bear River area, Landgren tracked the animal for two weeks.

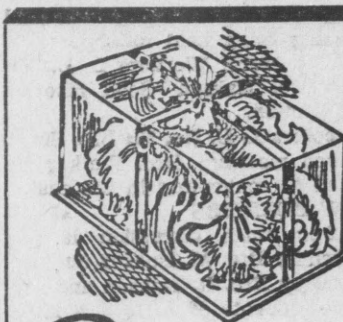
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LOST JOBS

The wanton destruction which Propositions 6 and 15 would cause is not limited to the fishing industry. Besides wiping out a large part of the state's fishing industry and throwing 40,000 out of jobs, 6 and 15 would depress the payrolls of thousands of workers in allied industries, such as cans, boxes, nets, fuels, etc.

Vote **NO** on 6 & 15
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NO MORE FISH

No more fish at your market after November 21. It can happen—if Propositions 6 and 15 pass. They would wipe out a large part of California's fishing industry. 6 and 15 mean little or no fish at your market, little choice and a lot more to pay. 6 and 15 would take fish off of your plate and money out of your pocket.

Vote **NO** on 6 & 15
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